and Sikkim. The State of Mizoram is also included under the scheme. Under the project, 22 new ITIs are being set up and 35 existing ITIs are being strengthened & upgraded with a total project cost of Rs. 100 crore. In addition, a sum of Rs. 13.7 crore has also been approved by the Planning Commission for setting up of 3 Additional ITIs-2 in Sikkim and 1 in Assam.

Labour welfare scheme in Goa

4544. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for labour welfare are in force in Goa;

(b) if so, the essential features of those schemes;

(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last three years in that State; and

(d) the details regarding the financial assistance granted to the State in the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Various welfare schemes in the sphere of Health, Education, Housing, Recreation under the Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1976, are in force in the State of Goa.

(b) Healthcare is provided to the workers through dispensary operated by the Labour Welfare Organisation. In addition, there is provision of reimbursement in case of major ailments like heart, surgery, cancer, kidney transplant etc. as under:

(i) Reimbursement upto Rs. 1.30 lakh is provided for heart disease,

(ii) Rs. 2 lakh for kidney transplant,

(iii) Rs. 30,000/- for minor surgeries,

(iv) Reimbursement of Rs. 150/- for purchase of spectacles, and

(v) Reservation of bed in T.B. hospitals, treatment and subsistence allowance not exceeding Rs. 750/- p.m. in case of tuberculosis. Financial Assistance is provided to the school going children of workers studying from class I to professional course ranging from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 8,000/- p.a. A uniform subsidy of Rs. 40,000/- is granted to a worker for construction of a house.

(c) Projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes in the last three years in the State of Goa is detailed below:

Grants-in-aid to mine managements for maintenance of dispensaries

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2004-05	8 Mines	Rs. 12,57,934
2005-06	8 Mines	Rs. 12,89,432
2006-07	8 Mines	Rs. 15,62,382

Financial assistance under Education (Class I to IV)

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2004-05	231	Rs. 64,500
2005-06	256	Rs. 64,000
2006-07	26	Rs. 26,000

Financial assistance under Education (Class V & above)

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2004-05	1013	Rs. 14,55,480
2005-06	619	Rs. 8,43,900
2006-07	141	Rs. 35,850

Cancer Scheme

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2004-05	1	Rs. 39,793

Funeral Expenses

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2006-07	1	Rs. 1,500

Fatal & Serious Accident Scheme

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2006-07	2	Rs. 13,250

Marriage of daughters of widow/widower workers:

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2006-07	1	Rs. 5,000

Social & Cultural Activities

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2004-05	4	Rs. 24,963
2005-06	5	Rs. 21,761
2006-07	Nil	Nil

Purchase of Colour TV

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount
2005-06	1	Rs. 10,000

(d) No financial assistance granted to the State of Goa in the same period.

Employment to educated youth

4545. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the grim situation arising out of loss in the manufacturing sector during last one decade, as far as employment is concerned;

(b) what is the figure of educated youth seeking employment, as on 31st March, 2006 as per Labour Department Registers; and

(c) how many educated youth were provided employment during 1st April, 2004, to 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial Labour Force Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey for which results have been published related to the year 2004-05. Results of these survey reports revealed that estimated employment in manufacturing sector, as per usual status approach, which was of the order of 42.50 million in 1993-1994 has gone up to 53.71 million in 2004-05.

(b) Number of job seekers in the age-group of 15-29 years including educated youth, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed registered with employment exchanges as on 31.12.2005 was 28 million in the country.

(c) Placement of around 1.62 lakh educated persons including youth were effected through employment exchanges during the period of January 2004 to December 2005.

Consultative Committee for Ministry of Mines

†4546. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted Consultative Committee for Ministry of Mines; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.